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Hi quoque qui nomen de religione superbum
Usurpant, quamquam sanctis à patribus orti
Se jactent, ovium nulli sub vellere fraudis
Monte Lycæmius servant, et sanguine furdus.
Quod spurium virtutis habet, sutilis omne colorat.

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Dear Countrymen, Fellow Proteſtants, and Chriſtians,

AS theſe Kingdoms are now invaded by the Pretender's eldeſt Son, for the ſetting his Father on the Throne; let me conjure you by all that is ſacred and dear to you, ſeriouſly to conſider what will be the Conſequence, if this Invaſion ſhould become ſucceſsful, and the Pretender ſhould be ſuffered to eſtabliſh himſelf in the Government, and become your King.

You cannot forget that he is, or *would be thought*, the Son of that unhappy Prince, King *James* II. claims the Crown from him, *as his Property*, by hereditary and *indefeaſible Right*, hath *from his Infancy been bred up* in the *Popiſh* Religion, hath never ſo much as *pretended himſelf* to be *a Proteſtant*, and hath for many Years lived at *Rome*, the Seat of Idolatry and Tyranny, under the Protection of the Pope himſelf, and *been maintained* in Part by his Bounty; and who muſt therefore, in Gratitude as well as Principle, be ready to oblige and ſubmit to the Orders and Decrees of the Pope, and eſpecially thoſe for promoting and eſtabliſhing the *Popiſh* Religion.

If therefore the Pretender be admitted to the Poſſeſſion of theſe Kingdoms, he will come a determined *Papiſt*, and with *a natural fixed Hatred* to our Religion and Liberties. If he *prevails by Force* and Conqueſt, as he is now attempting to do, the ſame Power that brings him in, will be employed for *the certain and immediate* Deſtruction of both, and kept up for his

own Security, and to finish and perpetuate our Misery and Ruin.

What are *the Instruments* employed by *the Invader* to accomplish his *Design of Conquest* on these Kingdoms? Are they not *Scotch Highlanders*, *wild* and uncultivated *Banditti*; all bred up in Popish Principles, and prepared by Nature and Education, and Religion, to commit all Sorts of Outrages upon your Persons, Families, and Estates? Have they not, since their Insurrection in Favour of the Pretender, plundered and robbed Cities, Towns, and Villages, Noblemens Palaces, and Gentlemens Houses, of Money, Goods, Arms, Horses, Corn, and whatever they could lay their Hands on; murthered many in the Wantonness of their Insolence, even *in cool Blood*, and committed Rapes on the Wives and Daughters of others, without Fear and Punishment?

Who are the *Friends*, *Allies*, and *Confederates* of this Pretender to the Crown and Kingdom? The Pope gives him *his solemn Benediction*, as an obedient Son of his Church. The *French* and *Spaniards*, who hate us, as *Englishmen* and Protestants, *with a mortal Hatred*, have supplied him with Money, Arms and Ammunition, with Officers and Men, and have been the principal Instruments in scheming, beginning, and carrying on this Expedition against us; without whose Orders *the Stripling* that heads it durst not have made it, and without whose Aid and Assistance he could not.

But what have we not to fear as *Englishmen* and Protestants, if conquer'd by *Frenchmen* and *Spaniards*; all *born and bred Slaves*, perfidious, bigotted cruel Papists, and who by the most execrable Methods have labour'd the Extirpation of the Protestant Religion out of their respective Countries; who LONG to have the Pleasure of extirpating it out of ours, and would sport themselves with our Miseries, and see us, as Hereticks, dying under the most dreadful Tortures, with infinite Satisfaction and Delight?

If you should be prevailed on to admit him in a more peaceable Way, which now is impossible, all the Forces of the Kingdom being prepared to oppose him,

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yet if you should admit him *upon Terms*, what Security can he give you for your Religion and Liberties? Supposing he makes you the *most solemn Promises*, and confirms them by *a thousand Oaths*; as a Papist 'tis not so much as in his Power to perform them: No, not tho' he may have a real Intention to do it, and be in himself a Person of *great natural Honour*, Compassion, and Humanity, and in his own Judgment inclined to Forbearance and Toleration, Because *his* Judgment and *Conscience is subject*, by his Religion, to the Determinations of his Church, and that Church hath *solemnly condemned* all Toleration of Hereticks.

We have had two very remarkable Instances amongst ourselves, what Kind of Regard Popish Princes pay to their Promises and Oaths. Queen *Mary* promised the Protestants of *Suffolk* and *Norfolk*, that *she would leave Religion in the State in which* 'twas settled by King *Edward* VI. *as she found it*; *reserving only to herself the Liberty of professing her own*. And when they put her afterwards in mind of this Promise, she rejected their Petition with great Haughtiness, and told them, *Subjects were not to controul the Actions of their Sovereign*; and one of their Number *was pillory'd*, for being too free in his Remonstrance. And though she afterwards declared in Council, that *she would use no Force upon Conscience in Affairs of Religion*, yet she soon imprisoned the Protestant Bishops, reconciled (as 'twas called) her Kingdoms to the Pope, and revived all the Statutes of Destruction and Murther against her Protestant Subjects.

When King *James* II. came to the Crown, he declared to his Privy-Council, that *he would make it his Endeavour to preserve the Government both in Church and State, as it was then by Law established, and always take care to defend and support the Church of* England. He afterwards confirmed this Declaration to his first Parliament, and renewed it again upon *Monmouth*'s Invasion. And yet throughout his short Reign he invariably pursued these two Projects, *The establishing an arbitrary Government, and the Destruction of the Protestant Religion*; and that with a Fury that had no

Prudence to guide it, and which, under Providence, was one Mean to disappoint and destroy his own Design.

And in these Things these two Princes acted *in the true Character* of Papists, and as obedient Children to *their holy Mother*, the Church of *Rome*: For I will now shew you, from *the most authentick Evidence*, and such as no Papist shall be able to deny, *viz.* from their own *Collection of Canon Laws*, published by Order of Pope *Gregory* XIII. which he forbids all Addition to, Alteration and Perversion of, commands to be kept perpetually intire and uncorrupt, and recommends to the Faithful as a Means to keep them in the right Catholick Faith: I say from hence, and the Decrees of their own approved Councils, I will prove,

First, That the most sacred Laws of the Church of *Rome* oblige all Kings and Princes to exterminate, by all Manner of Methods, their Heretical Subjects, even though they have bound themselves by Oath to the contrary; and then shew,

Secondly, That this hath been their constant Practice wherever they have had Opportunity and Power.

First I am to demonstrate, that the *most sacred Laws* of the Church of *Rome* oblige all Kings, Princes and States, *to exterminate*, by all Manner of Methods, their Heretical Subjects. Here I would have you, Fellow-Protestants, observe, that *Heresy*, in the Judgement of the Church of *Rome*, is every Thing that is contrary to the Doctrine taught by the Pope, or the *Romish* Church. For this Reason that Church is distinguished by the Name of *the Roman Catholick*, because the *Roman* Pope is *the Head* of it, and his Decrees in Religion are looked on, and submitted to, *as absolutely infallible*, and no more to be dispensed with and contradicted, than the Decisions of the inspired Apostles themselves. For,

Decretal. Bon. VIII. Dist. 19. c. 2. 1. Pope *Agatho* ordained: *All the Sanctions of the Apostolick See are to be received, as though confirmed by the Voice of the divine* Peter *himself.*

Ibid. c. 4. 2. Pope *Stephen* ordained: *Since the* Holy Roman Church *is proposed as a Looking-glass or Exemplar;*

explar; whatever that appoints, whatever it ordains, is perpetually and WITHOUT CONTRADICTION *to be observed by all.*

3. Pope *Gelasius* ordained: *The* Holy Roman Catholick and Apostolick Church *is exalted above all other Churches by the Evangelical Voice of our Lord and Saviour. Therefore the* Roman Church, *the See of the Apostle* Peter, *is the Chief, not having Spot and Wrinkle or any such thing.* Bid. Diffinc. 22. c. 3.

4. Pope *Boniface* ordained: 'If the Pope, negligent of his own and his Brothers Salvation, be 'found unprofitable and remiss in his Duty, and so 'silent as to what is good, as that he be hurtful to 'himself and all others,' *and drows with him innumerable People by Troops in Slavery to Hell, there to be beaten with him with many Stripes to all Eternity:* 'Let no 'mortal Man presume to reprove his Faults, because 'he who is to judge all, is to be judged by no one. Bid. Diffinc. 40. c. 6.

5. Pope *Nicholas* I. decreed: *Whosoever endeavours to take away the Privilege delivered to the* Roman *Church, by him who is the Chief Head of all the Churches, this Person undoubtedly falls into Heresy; for he violates the Faith, who acts in any thing against her who is the Mother of the Faith.* Bid. Diffinc. 22. c. 2.

The Penalties she hath ordained for the Punishment of Heresy are these.

Excommunication.

1. *Adrian*, the Pope, decreed: We ordain by a general Decree, That *Whosoever of the Kings, or Bishops, or great Men shall believe or permit that the Censure of the Decrees of the Roman Pontifs, may be, or be in any thing violated, shall be an* EXECRABLE ANATHEMA, *and as a Prevaricator in the Catholick Faith, be always guilty before God.* Decret. 2. Part. Caus. 25. Quæst. 1. c. 11.

2. Pope *Nicolaus* decreed, presiding in an universal Synod at *Rome*: *If any one shall contemn the Opinions, Commands, Prohibitions or Decrees wholsomely published by the Prelate of the Apostolick See, concerning the Discipline of the Catholick Faith, for the Correction of the Faithful, for the Amendment of the Wicked, or for the Prevention of imminent or future Evil, let him be* ANATHEMA. Bid. Caus. 16. Quæst. 2. c. 16.

3. Pope

Decret. Greg. l. 5. Tit. 39. c. 49.

3. Pope *Honorius* III. *We excommunicate all Heretieks of either Sex, of whatsoever Name, together with their Favourers, Receivers and Defenders.*

Decret. l. 5. Tit. 3. c. 9.

4. Pope *Paul* IV. "Upon mature Deliberation "had with our venerable Brethren, the Cardinals "of the Holy Roman Church, and with their unanimous "Consent, we do, by our Apostolick Authority, "approve, renew, will and decree to be in ever fresh "Vigour and Observance, all and singular Sentences, "Censures and Penalties, of Excommunication, Suspension, Interdict and Deprivation, or any others, "laid by any of the Roman Pontifs, our Predecessors, "or who were esteemed such, &c. against Heretieks or "Schismaticks. And moreover we Will and Decree, "That whosoever shall be found, or confess, or be "convicted to have deviated from the Catholick Faith, "or have fallen into any Heresy, or to have incurred "or excited any Schism, or who hereafter shall thus "deviate, &c. or confess, or be convicted thus to have "deviated, &c. of whatsoever State, Degree, Order, Condition or Preheminence they may be, tho' "they may shine with the Episcopal, Archiepiscopal, Patriarchal, Primatial, or any greater Ecclesiastical Dignity, or with the Honour of the Cardinalate, or the Office of Apostolic Legate, perpetual or temporary, wherever it be; or with any "worldly Honour, even of Count, Baron, Marquis "and Duke, or with the Royal and Imperial Authority and Excellence, every such Person shall incur the foresaid Sentences, Censures and Penalties.

Being thus excommunicated, Heretieks, with their Receivers and Favourers, are exposed to the most certain, exemplary, universal and unalterable Destruction.

Decret. 2. Pars. Caus. 23. Quæst. 5. c. 43. 44.

1. Pope *Pelagius* ordains: *Esteem it no Sin to oppress such Men*, viz. *who contemn the Apostolick See. For this is enjoined by divine and human Laws, that such as are divided from the Unity of the Church, and wickedly disturb its Peace, should be suppressed by the secular Powers; nor can you offer a nobler Sacrifice to God, than by restraining such with a competent Vigour.*

2. Pope

2. Pope *Gregory* ordains: *That the Enemies of the Lord's Church ſhould be oppoſed with all Vigour, both of Mind and Body, and that Princes ought to fight the eccleſiaſtical Battles valiantly, as the Warriors of the Lord, and to ſuppreſs their Endeavours, and bring their proud Necks to the Yoke of Reſtitude.* Bid. Conf. 23. Queſt. 4. c. 42.

3. Pope *Urban* II. decreed: *We do not eſteem thoſe as Murderers, who fired with a Zeal for the Catholick Mother, againſt Heretick, may happen to kill any of them.* Bid. Conf. 23. Queſt. 5. c. 47.

4. Pope *Leo* IV. ordained: *Laying aſide all Fear and Terror, endeavour to behave manfully againſt the Enemies of the Holy Faith, and the Adverſaries of all Religion. For God knows, that if any of you ſhall die for the Truth of the Faith, and the Defence of Chriſtians, he ſhall obtain the heavenly Reward.* Bid. Queſt. 8. c. 9.

5. *Paul* IV. ordained: " That all and ſingular " Biſhops, Archbiſhops, Patriarchs, Primates, Cardi- " nals, Legates, Earls, Barons, Marquiſes, Dukes, " Kings and Emperors, that fall into Hereſy or " Schiſm, and ſhall confeſs it or be convicted of it, " ſhall *not only be excommunicated, but farther be, ipſo facto*, without further Proceſs of Law, alto- " gether, wholly and perpetually deprived of their " Orders, Cathedral, Metropolitan, Patriarchal and " Primatial Churches, the Honour of the Cardinalate, " the Office of Legate in every Sort, their active " and paſſive Vote, and all Authority, their Monaſ- " teries, Benefices, and Eccleſiaſtical Offices, with " Cure or without it, ſecular or regular of every " Order, of all Fruits, Returns and Incomes, and " of their Earldoms, Baronies, Marquiſates, Duke- " doms, Kingdoms, and Empires; and ſhall be " deemed ever after unfit for them, and incapable of " them, and ſhall be looked on as relapſed and ſub- " verted to all Intents and Purpoſes, as though " they had before judicially and publickly abjured " ſuch Hereſy, nor ſhall they ever after be reſtored " to their former State, but ſhall moreover be left to " the ſecular Power to be puniſhed with due Animad- " verſion, unleſs they give proper Signs of Penitence, " and 7. Decret. l. 5. Tit. 3. c. 9.

" and then, thro' the Benignity and Clemency of the " Holy See, they shall be allowed to be thrust into some " Monastery, or other fit Place, there to do perpe- " tual Penance with the Bread and Water of Affliction; " and as such let them be avoided by all Persons of " every State and Condition whatsoever, and become " destitute of every kind of Comfort that Humanity " itself can afford them.

7. *Decret. l. 5. Tit. 3. c. 1.*

6. The Emperor *Frederick* II. published a most dreadfully severe Decree against all Hereticks, ordaining that Hereticks, " under whatsoever Name they " may be ranked, and wheresoever, throughout the " Empire they should be condemned by the Church, " should be assigned over to the secular Power, and " punished with due Animadversion; that, if through " fear they returned to the Faith, they should do Pe- " nance perpetually in Jail, that all should be obliged to " apprehend them at the Order of the Inquisitors, and " detain them in Jail, still being condemned by the eccle- " siastical Censure, they should be *destroyed by a dreadful* " *Death*. He ordered also to be punished in the same " Manner, all their Advocates and Defenders. He " removed from them all Benefit of Proclamation " and Appeal, being willing that every Sprout of " heretical Pravity should *by all Manner of Ways be* " *exterminated from the Bounds of the Empire*. He de- " prived also the Heirs and Posterity of Hereticks, " their Favourers and Advocates, to the second Ge- " neration, of all temporal Benefices, and publick " Offices and Honours. He further excited Children " to accuse their Parents, by promising them Immu- " nity from these Penalties." This *bloody Constitution* Pope *Innocent* IV. inserted intire into one of his own Bulls, and ordained that it should be observed, and that the Processes against Heresy should be carried on according to the Tenor of it.

Dumoulin Mem.

Ibid.

7. It should be further observed, that the Inquisition, whose peculiar Office it is to *extirpate Hereticks*, and punish them with Tortures and Death, and which prevails in *Italy*, *Spain*, and *Portugal*, was erected by the Popes, confirmed by their Authority, the Inquisitors

stors named by them, and independently even on their Kings and Princes, receive and exercise their Authority and Power from them.

8. And this Authority of the Popes hath been confirmed by many Popish Councils, and especially by what they call their last *general Council*, that of *Trent*; who in their 25th Session ordain: That *all and singular Matters, relating to the Reformation of Manners and ecclesiastical Discipline, that have been decreed by that Council, shall be, and understood to be so decreed, as always to preserve safe the Authority of the Apostolick See.* In their Acclamations at breaking up of the Council, they stiled the then Pope, *Pius* IV. *the most blessed Pope, our Lord, and Pontiff of the holy universal Church*; and in the same 25th Session, *Dec.* 4. they decree, that *all Pastors, as good Soldiers, should commend to all the Faithful, all those Things, which the Holy Roman Church, the Mother and Mistress of all Churches, should ordain.* In the same Session, under the Decree of *Reformation*, they decree and ordain, that *the sacred Canons, all the general Councils, and all other apostolical Sanctions, in favour of ecclesiastical Persons, ecclesiastical Liberty, and published against the Violators hereof, which they renew by this very Decree, should be exactly observed by all.* By this Decree they gave a Sanction to all the tyrannical Claims and persecuting Bulls of the preceding Popes.

Just before this Council broke up, which, throughout every Session, had played every thing into the Hands of the Popes, they piously cried out: *Damnation to all Hereticks, Damnation, Damnation*; and ordered all Ecclesiasticks *to observe all that the Synod had decreed, to promise and profess true Obedience to the chief Pontiff of Rome, and publickly to detest and anathematise all Heresies, under Pain of being punished according to the sacred Canons.* They farther admonished the secular Princes of their Duty, *to be Protectors of the holy Faith and the Church, and to yield due Observance to the sacred Constitutions of the chief Pontiffs and Councils, and that they would not permit the ecclesiastical Laws to be injured by any Barons, Rulers, Temporal*

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Lords and Magistrates; but that they would animadvert severely on those who should hinder the ecclesiastical Liberty, Immunity, or Jurisdiction.

9. 'Tis well known that the Council of *Constance*, held in the fifteenth Century, made this Canon: This holy Synod declares, that *whatever safe Conduct be granted by the Emperor, Kings, or other secular Princes, to Hereticks, or Persons defamed for Heresy, by whatever Bond they shall bind themselves; no Prejudice shall arise or Hindrance be made, or ought to be made, so as that, notwithstanding the said safe Conduct, it shall not be lawful for the proper ecclesiastical Judge, to make Inquisition concerning the Errors of such Persons, and otherwise to proceed regularly against them, and to punish them, as far as in Justice they ought, if they obstinately refuse to revoke their Errors; even although trusting to such safe Conduct they came to the Place of Judgment, and otherwise would not have come.* And accordingly *John Huss*, though he had the safe Conduct of the Emperor *Sigismund*, and came to the Council on the Faith of it, was imprisoned, tried, condemned, and burnt, in spite of it, for pretended Heresy.

Clem. XI. Epist. at Brevat. fol. Rome 1724. tom. 2. p. 279.

10. And finally, agreeable to this Decree of the Council, Pope *Clement* XI. *cancels all Promises and Oaths made in favour of Protestants; declaring them null and void, whenever they are prejudicial in any Manner to the Catholick Faith, the Salvation of Souls, or to any Rights of the Church whatsoever; even though such Engagements have been often ratified and confirmed by Oath.*

Secondly, As this is *the Doctrine* universally of the Church of *Rome*, *their Practice* hath been exactly agreeable to it, and they have never scrupled to authorise, and perpetrate the most execrable Cruelties on those they call Hereticks, whenever they had it in their Power so to do. Innumerable Instances might be produced. I shall select some few remarkable ones, that I desire you will keep in perpetual Remembrance.

1. In the Reign of our *Henry* IV. the cruel Statute *Ex Officio* was enacted against *the Lollards*, by the Instigation of the Popish Clergy, by which all Hereticks convicted by the Ordinary were condemned without Mercy

Mercy *to be burned in Sight of all the People*; and many were executed in Virtue of it.

Upon Queen *Mary*'s coming to the Crown, all *the sanguinary penal Laws* against Hereticks were revived, and in the Space of five Years and four Months there were burnt and roasted, for their Religion, five Bishops, one and twenty Divines, eight Gentlemen, eighty-four Artificers, one hundred Husbandmen, Servants, and Labourers, twenty-six Wives, twenty Widows, nine Virgins, two Boys, and two Infants. Sixty-four more were persecuted on the same Account; of which seven were whipped, sixteen perished in Jail, and twelve were buried in Dunghills. Others affirm, that in the two first Years of the Persecution, which began in 1555, eight hundred were put to death.

In the next Reign, when the *Spaniards* invaded Queen *Elizabeth*, by the Instigation of Pope *Innocent* VIII. as *King Philip* himself alledged, with their Invincible Armada, what kind of Tragedy they intended to act amongst us, we learn from the Answers of *Don Pedro*, one of their principal Captains, taken by *Sir Francis Drake*; who being asked, what was the Intent of their invading us, roundly answered the Lords who examined him: *What, but to subdue the Nation and root it out?* And what meant you then, said the Lords, to do with the Catholicks? *To send them good Men*, says he, *directly to Heaven, as all you Hereticks to Hell.* Yea, said the Lords, What meant you to do with the Whips of Cord and Wire, wherewith they had great Store in their Ships? *To whip*, said he, *you Hereticks to death.* What would you have done, said the Lords, with their young Children? *They*, said he, *who were above seven Years old, should have gone the Way their Fathers went, the rest should have been in perpetual Bondage, branded in the Forehead with the Letter* L. for *Lutheran*. Besides this, the Lords of *Spain*, that were in the Navy, had distributed amongst themselves all the Noblemens Houses in *England* by Name, quartered the whole Kingdom amongst one another, and had determined on sundry Manners of cruel Deaths, both for the Nobility and the rest of

Cabala, p. 372. *Letter to Mendoza*, p. 37.

the People. *The Ladies*, Women and Maidens, were *destined to all Villainy*, and the rich Merchants Houses in *London* were put into a Register by their very Names, and assigned to the Companies of the Squadrons of their Navy, for their Spoil. This Examination was delivered by the Lord Treasurer *Burleigh* to the Earl of *Leicester*, when the Queen was in her Camp, guarded by her Army.

Account of the Spanish Invasion, publish'd An. 1739. p. 22.

In the next Reign was brought to light, that truly hellish Design of *the Gun-Powder-Plot*, intended to destroy, *by a sudden Blow*, King, Lords, and Commons *at once*, in order to introduce and re-establish Popery. *Garnet*, *Tesmond*, and *Gerrard*, three Popish Priests, being consulted whether it was lawful to execute the Design, *approved of it as just*, since it was against excommunicated Hereticks. And the Jesuits have honoured *Garnet* and *Oldcorn*, two Jesuits, who were hanged for this Treason, with the Titles of Saints and Martyrs.

The Tragedy acted in *Ireland* by the *Irish* Papists on the Protestants, in the Reign of *King Charles* I. was one of the bloodiest that was ever contrived and executed, and shews with what *an infernal Spirit* Popery animates those, who are under the Power of it. *October* 23d, 1641, a Day dedicated to *St. Ignatius*, this Massacre began; when forty or fifty thousand *English* Protestants were murthered, before they suspected themselves to be in danger, or could provide for their Defence; and in all one hundred and forty thousand were destroy'd by innumerable Barbarities, and put to death *in cold Blood*, by these inhuman Popish Butchers of Mankind.

2. In *France* we have many Instances of the like sanguinary Temper of Popery, and of the Cruelties that have been exercised merely on Account of Religion. In the County of *Thoulouse*, the *Albigenses*, who had separated from the Church of *Rome*, were very numerous. The Pope sent his Legate to make Inquisition against them, and wrote to *Philip* the *French* King to use all his Force to suppress them, and *promised Remission of all Sins* to whosoever would take up

Rom. An. 1204. §. 22.

up Arms against them and destroy them. *Raymund Earl of Tholouse* was excommunicated by the Pope, and his Country given to whosoever could seize it. A Crusade or Army of Cross-Bearers was raised, who attacked the Hereticks, took their Cities, filled all Places with Slaughter and Blood, and burnt many whom they took Captives. In 1209 *Biterre* was taken by them, and all the Inhabitants, without Regard to Age or Sex, cruelly put to the Sword, and the City itself burnt to the Ground. And though there were some *good Catholicks* in it, the Abbot of *Ciſtraux* cried out: *Slay them all, for the Lord knows who are his.* On which the Soldiers slew them all without Mercy. *Carcaſſone* also was destroyed; and *Earl Montfort*, who was made Governour of the Country, took several Cities, and put to death the captive Hereticks by the most horrible Punishments. Within two or three Months Space, one *Robert*, an apostate *Albigenſe*, caused fifty Persons, without Distinction of Sex, to be buried alive or burnt. At *Paris* nine Hereticks were led into a Field, and burnt in the Presence of the King. After this the Cross-Bearers seized on *Alby*, where they put great Numbers to death. They took *Le Vaur* by force, and burnt many of the People. They hanged *Aymerick*, a Nobleman, Governor of the City, beheaded eighty of lesser Degree, and threw *Girarde*, *Aymerick*'s Sister, into a Pit, and covered her with Stones. Then they conquered *Carcaſſ*, where they murthered sixty Men. They seized on *Pulcra Vallis*, a large City, burnt in it 400 Hereticks, and hanged fifty more. At *Caſtres de Tarnis* they put *Raymund* Lord of the Place into Jail, where he died, and burnt in one large Fire, his Wife, Sister, and maiden Daughter, with some other maiden Ladies, whom they could not persuade by Promises or Threats to embrace the *Roman* Faith.

Id. An. 1209. §. 1.

Raynald, An. 1209. §. 22. *Id.* §. 23, 24.

Id. An. 1210. §. 3.

Rayn. An. 1211. §. 9.

It would be endless to mention the particular Numbers burnt, and otherwise destroyed at *Paris*, and other Cities and Towns in *France*, for embracing *the Reformation* begun by *Luther*. One Instance shall suffice for all. In 1534, *Francis* I. ordered an Inquiſi-

Sleidan's Hiſt. Reform. Lib. 9. *f.* 175.

tion to be made at *Paris* againſt the *Lutherans*, ſome of which were diſcovered by Informers, others apprehended on Suſpicion, and put to the Torture, and both Sorts burnt after a very barbarous Manner: For *being tied to a Pulley they were drawn up a great Height, then let down into the Fire, preſently after ſnatched up again, and at laſt*, the Executioner cutting the Rope, *dropped into the Flames and conſumed.* Thoſe who were thought to be more learned than the reſt *had their Tongues cut out*, and were then brought to the Stake and burnt.

Thuan. Hiſt. Lib. 52. The *Pariſian Maſſacre* was carried on with ſuch a deteſtible Perfidy, and executed with ſuch a bloody Cruelty, as would ſurpaſs all Belief, were it not atteſted with the moſt undeniable Evidence. In the Year 1572, in the Reign of *Charles* IX. many of the principal Proteſtants were invited to *Paris*, under a ſolemn Oath of Safety, upon Occaſion of the Marriage of the King of *Navarre* with the *French* King's Siſter, *viz.* the King of *Navarre*'s Mother, *Coligni* Admiral of *France*, with other Nobles. The Queen Dowager of *Navarre*, a zealous Proteſtant, was poiſon'd by a pair of Gloves before the Marriage was ſolemniſed; and on the 24th of *Auguſt*, 1572, being *Bartholomew*'s *Day*, about Day-break, upon the Toll of the Bell of the Church of *St. Germain*, the Butchery began. The Admiral was baſely murthered in his own Houſe, dreſſed only in his Night-gown, and then thrown down into the Court out of his Window, to gratify the Malice of the *Duke of Guiſe*, and his Head cut off and ſent to the *French* King and his Queen Mother, and his Body, after a thouſand Indignities offered to it, hung up by the Feet on a Gibbet. After this the Murtherers ravaged the whole City of *Paris*, and butchered in three Days above ten thouſand Lords, Gentlemen, Preſidents, Counſellors, Advocates, Lawyers, Scholars, Phyſicians, Merchants, Tradeſmen, and others. An horrible Scene of Things, ſays *Thuanus*, when the very Streets and Paſſages reſounded with the Noiſe of thoſe that met together for Murther and Plunder, the Groans of thoſe who were dying, and the Shrieks of ſuch as were

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just going to be butcher'd, were every where heard, the Bodies of the Slain thrown out of the Windows, the Courts and Chambers of the Houses filled with them, the dead Bodies of others dragged thro' miry Streets, the Blood running down the Channels of them in such Plenty, that Torrents of Blood seemed to empty themselves into the neighbouring River; and in a Word, an innumerable Multitude of Men, Women with Child, Maidens and Children, were all involved in one common Destruction, and the Gates and Entrances of the King's Palace all besmear'd with their Blood.

From the City of *Paris* the Massacre spread almost throughout the whole Kingdom. In the City of *Meaux* they threw above two hundred into Jail, and after they had killed and ravished a great Number of Women, and plunder'd the Houses of the Protestants, they executed their Fury on those they had imprison'd, and calling them out one by one, they were killed, as *Thuanus* expresses it, like Sheep by Butchers in a Market, and their Bodies flung partly into Ditches, and partly into the River *Marne*. In *Orleans* they murthered above 500 Men, Women, and Children, and enriched themselves with their Spoil. The same Cruelties were practised at *Angers*, *Troyes*, *Bourges*, *La Charite*, and especially at *Lyons*; where they inhumanly destroy'd above 800 Protestants, Children hanging on their Parents Necks, Parents embracing their Children; putting Ropes about the Necks of some, dragging them through the Streets, and throwing them half dead into the River. It would be endless to mention the Butcheries made at *Valence*, *Romans*, *Thoulouse*, and *Rouen*, where above 500 Persons without Regard to Sex or Age were destroy'd, and their Garments full of Blood given to the Poor. I shall only add, that according to *Thuanus* above 30,000 Protestants were destroy'd in this Massacre, or as others with greater Probability affirm, above 100,000. *Thuanus* himself calls this a most detestable Villainy, and in Abhorrence of *St. Bartholomew's Day*, used to repeat those Verses of *P. Statius*, *Silv.* 5. 2. *v.* 88, *&c.*

Hist. l. 53. §. 2.

Excidat illa dies ævo, ne postera credant
Secula. Nos certe tacuimus, at obruta multa
Nocte tegi propriæ patiamur crimina gentis.

In the Words of *Job*, iii. 3, &c. *Let that Day perish, and let it not be joined unto the Days of the Year. Let Darkness and the Shadow of Death stain it, let a Cloud dwell upon it, let it look for Light and have none, neither let it see the Dawning of the Day.* And yet, as though this had been the most heroick Transaction, and could have procured immortal Glory to the Authors of it, Medals were struck at *Paris* in Honour of it, on the Face of which was the King sitting on a Throne with this Inscription, *Virtus in Rebelles, Virtus against Rebels*, and on the Reverse, *Pietas excitavit Justitiam. Piety hath roused up Justice.*

But how was the News of this Butchery received at *Rome*, that *faithful City*, that Holy Mother of Churches? How did *the Vicar of Christ*, the Successor of *Peter*, and *Father of the Christian World*, relish it? Let *Thuanus* tell the Story. When the News, says he, came to *Rome*, it was wonderful to see how they exulted for Joy. For on the 6th of *September*, when the Letters of the Pope's Legate were read in the Assembly of the Cardinals, by which he assured the Pope, that all was transacted by the express Will and Command of the King, it was presently decreed, that the Pope should march with his Cardinals to the Church of *St. Mark*, and *in the most solemn Manner give Thanks to God*, for so great a Blessing conferred on the See of *Rome*, and the Christian World; and that, on the *Monday* after, solemn Mass should be celebrated in the Church of *Minerva*, at which the Pope, *Gregory* XIII. and Cardinals were present; and that a Jubilee should be published throughout the whole Christian World, and the Cause of it declared to be, to return Thanks to God, for the Extirpation of the Enemies of the Truth and Church in *France*. In the Evening the Canon of *St. Angelo* were fired, to testify the publick Joy, the whole City illuminated with Bonfires, and

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no one Sign of Rejoicing omitted that was usually made for the greatest Victories obtained in Favour of the *Roman* Church.

See here, Christian and Protestant Reader, the true Portraiture of the *Roman* Church! See here the genuine Image of the *Roman* Pontiff! He rejoices and *solemnly thanks God* for a Massacre, that all *Europe* heard of with Horror and Indignation! He declares this enormous Perfidy and Cruelty was *a Blessing conferred on the Roman See*, and the Butchery of above One Hundred Thousand Persons of all Sexes and Ages *in cool Blood*, and the Plunder of their Houses, was a Benefit to the Christian World; and thus sanctifies a Deed *as highly meritorious*, which no one, that hath any thing of Humanity, Honour, Compassion, Virtue, or Piety, can read without Trembling and Horror.

Nor hath the Spirit of *French* Popish Cruelty abated any thing of its Rigour in later Ages. In *October*, 1685, *Lewis* XIV. repealed the Edict of *Nantes*, made by his Predecessor *Henry* IV. for allowing the Protestants the free Liberty of their Religion in 1598, and declared by him to be irrevocable; and which both *Lewis* XIII. and XIV. had themselves ratified. And though *Lewis* XIV. owed his Crown, and owned that he owed his Crown to his Protestant Subjects, yet ungratefully he forced 150,000 of them out of his Kingdom, dragoon'd others into Popery (a particular Account of which you will have at the End of this Treatise) sent others who refused to comply, for Slaves, chained them in his Gallies, took their Children from them to be educated in Monasteries, shut up others that were come to Age in them in perpetual Imprisonment, and spared no Violence to oppress and destroy them. And the present *Lewis* XV. is under the Influence of the same bloody Counsels, having hanged several of the Protestant Ministers, and fined, dragoonned, imprisoned, and otherwise cruelly treated many of those unhappy People.

Letter to the Bish. of Brandenburg, Sept. 6, 1666.

3. The *Vaudois*, partly subject to *France*, partly to the Dukes of *Savoy*, felt also the Effects of Popish Cruelty. In 1546, *Meynier* put himself at the Head of the

the *French* Troops in *Provence*, and destroyed above 3000 of those Protestants. In 1686 the Duke of *Savoy* published an Edict against them, dated *Jan.* 31, by which he prohibited them, for the future, from all farther Exercise of their Religion, and from holding any Assemblies in any Place for that Purpose, upon any Pretext whatsoever, under Pain of their Lives, and Confiscation of their Goods; ordered all their Churches to be razed to the Ground, all their Ministers and Schoolmasters to depart his Territories upon Pain of Death, the Children of the Protestants to be brought up by Popish Schoolmasters, and when born, to be baptized by Popish Priests, and their Fathers and Mothers to bring them to their Churches for this Purpose, under Pain of being fined, their Fathers five Years to the Gallies, and their Mothers of being whipped. And as to all foreign Protestants that had settled amongst them, he obliged them to depart, within a Fortnight after the Publication of this Edict, out of his Territories, under the same Penalty of Death, and Confiscation of their Effects. The Duke took care to execute this bloody Edict, and went in Person with his Army, the Pope's Ambassador being with him, and surprised those poor People, before they could assemble for their own Security, and killed and took above 12000 of them; so that a few only escaped to the Mountains.

Hist. of the Negot. of the Protest. Ecclesiast. of Switz. to the Duke of Savoy. 1690.

Seckendorf de Lutheran. 4. In *Germany*, the Protestants were oppressed and harrassed by innumerable Severities, under the Influence of the Popes and *Roman* Clergy. Soon after *Luther* appeared against the Church of *Rome*, the Emperor *Charles* V, by the Pope's Instigation, published *May* 26, 1521, an Edict at *Worms*, by which he proscribed *Luther*, and all his Accomplices and Protectors, charging and commanding all People to seize and apprehend him, and bring him to condign Punishment, as an obdurate Heretick; declaring all who should transgress this Edict as guilty of High-Treason. The bloody Edict at *Spires*, by which the Papists made it unlawful for any to change their Religion, or embrace *Lutheranism*, proscribed *the Sacramentarians* out of the Empire, and

p. 38. § 14.

Id. p. 240. § 139.

Id. p. 127. § 14.

and ordered the Anabaptists to be punished with Death, being *falsely profess'd against*, Anno 1529, by the Elector of *Saxony*, and other Princes of the Empire, gave Rise to the Name of *Protestants*. At length, Anno 1546, the same Emperor, having entred into a League with Pope *Paul* III. in which 'twas expresly stipulated, that the Emperor *should*, by Force and Arms, *compell* the Protestants to embrace *the ancient Religion*, and submit to the Holy See, declared War against the Protestant Princes, and proscribed and outlawed the Elector of *Saxony*, and the Landgrave of *Hesse*, and involved *Germany* in all the Calamities of a Civil War; being assisted by the Troops of the Pope himself, whose Brother *Alexander Farnese*, upon his Departure out of *Italy* with those Forces, said: *That he would make such a Slaughter in Germany, that his Horse might swim in the Lutheran Blood.*

Sleidan. Hist. Reformat. f. 381.

Id. f. 389.

Id. f. 395.

In the Course of *this religious War* the Cities of the Protestants were many of them taken and plundered, innumerable People destroyed, and at length the Elector of *Saxony* taken Prisoner, and condemned to death; and forced to renounce *the Electoral Dignity* both for himself and Children, and consent to the Confiscation of all his Goods and Chattels, and to be a Prisoner for the future, in order to redeem his Life. The Landgrave of *Hesse* was also forced to surrender his Person and Territories into the Emperor's Hands, condemned to an exorbitant Fine, and kept Prisoner contrary to the Articles of his Surrender, and the safe Conduct that was granted him. After this, *Anno* 1550, he published the most cruel Decree against all the *Lutherans* and *Calvinists*, giving them up to the Fury of the Inquisitors, and ordering them to be destroyed; the Men by the Sword, the Women by being buried alive if they forsook their Error; if not, by being burnt; in Consequence of which, great Cruelties were every where used towards the Protestants, wherever the Popish Power and Influence could prevail. It would fill a Volume to give a particular Account of the several Persons burnt and otherwise destroyed for embracing the Protestant Religion.

Id. f. 407, 418.

Id. f. 430.

Id. f. 433.

Id. f. 437.

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5. The *Low-Countries* also felt in a dreadful Manner the Effects of Popish Cruelty and Fury. In 1529 a severe Placard was published at *Brussels* against *Lutheranism*, whereby all who had in their Custody any prohibited Books, which were forbidden by former Placards to be kept, were condemned to death, without Pardon or Reprieve. In 1531 another Edict appeared against them, by which 'twas ordained, that no one from thence forwards should presume to write or print, or cause to be written or printed, any new Book upon any Subject whatsoever, without License, on Pain of being publickly whipped on a Scaffold, and marked with a red-hot Iron, or having an Eye put out, or a Hand cut off, at the Direction of the Judge, who was to see the Sentence executed without Delay or Mercy. In Consequence of these and other Edicts many were burnt to death, and particularly at *Limburg* an whole Family were extinguished; the Father and Mother, their two Daughters and their Husbands being burnt at one Stake. At *Louvain* two Women were buried alive, at *Downy* two others destroyed in a Pit; at *Bois le Duc* two Men and three Women massacred; in *Holland* some Women just delivered of their Children, others big with Child and near their Time, were either burnt or drowned; at *Rotterdam* a whole Assembly were almost destroyed; all the Men they could apprehend, beheaded, and all the Women thrown into a Boat, thrust under the Ice, and drowned; at *Mons* a poor Woman was laid alive in a Coffin, and stampt upon by the Hangman till she burst; all of them for their Religion. In a word, above 50,000 Persons were destroyed by Fire, Sword, and other Methods of Cruelty, by the severe Edicts of the Emperor *Charles* V. alone; and his Son *Philip* renewed all his Father's Placards against Heresy, and render'd them perpetual, which revived the Spirit of Persecution, to the Destruction of innumerable People.

Brandt. Hist. Reform. v. 1. *ibid.* p. 57.

Id. p. 59.

Id. p. 60.

Id. p. 80.

Id. p. 82.

Id. p. 87.

6. In *Spain*, *Portugal*, and *Italy*, the Inquisition is in full Force, and ordained merely for the Extirpation of Heresy, *i. e.* every thing contrary to the Doctrine and Practices of the Church of *Rome*; in which they make use

use of the most dreadful and bloody Tortures to force Persons to confess, and burn them, without Regard to Age, Sex, or Condition. Once or oftner every Year they now celebrate what they call an *Auto de Fe*, when they carry their Prisoners in dreadful Procession, in the most publick Manner, to the Place of Execution, often roast them to death in lingering Fires, making them feel the most enraged and exquisite Tortures, and all this they tell them as a Prelude to the eternal Damnation and Flames of Hell.

The Reflections that naturally follow from this Account, are these:

1. That as the Canons and Decrees of the Popes are held to be as sacred as those of the inspired Apostles themselves, and are to be observed without Contradiction, though they prove the eternal Damnation of many; and as the Church of *Rome* is declared to be the Mother of the Faith: So every Departure from and Opposition to these Canons and her Decisions, is in her Judgment unquestionable Heresy.

2. That all Protestants, without Exception, who separate from the Church of *Rome*, protest against her tyrannical Impositions, and refuse Obedience to her, are, in her Account, guilty of Heresy.

3. That as guilty of Heresy, we are by her judicial Sentence put under *the greater Excommunication*, *i. e.* not only deprived of all divine Services, but separated from Christ, cut off from the Body of the Faithful, and delivered over to be punished eternally with the Devil and his Angels.

4. That our excellent King, our Royal Family, all our Protestant Nobility, all our Bishops and Clergy, are not only excommunicated, but *as worse Offenders than others, and as destroying those committed to their Government and Care*, are *ipso facto* deprived of all their Power, Dignities, Titles, and Offices, condemned to be burnt *as Relapsers* by the secular Arm, and even in case they should abjure their Heresy, have nothing to expect but to be thrust into perpetual Imprisonment, there to live on the Bread and Water of Affliction. *Decret. l. 5. Tit. 3. c. 1.*

5. That 'tis no Sin, by the Popish Canon Law, to kill

kill Heretick, or rather highly meritorious, as 'tis for the Exaltation of the Catholick Faith and Church.

6. That Hereticks are to be exterminated, by the Doctrine of the Church of *Rome*, not only by Form of Law, and by the secular Power; but by Perfidy, Assassinations, Massacres in cold Blood, Midnight Murthers, and every Kind of Treachery and Violence; and that all these Villainies are Blessings conferred on the See of *Rome*, to be celebrated with solemn Thanksgivings to God, and to be triumphed in as the most glorious Victories.

7. That the Church of *Rome* openly encourages and sanctifies the most execrable Perjuries, Breach of Faith, and Falshood to the most solemn Promises; decreeing, that no Oaths or Promises, or Faith, are to be kept with Hereticks.

8. That as Hereticks, all our Lands, Moneys, Estates, Goods and Chattels, are absolutely forfeited, and that 'tis lawful, for all that can, to seize, rob, plunder, burn and destroy, every thing without Exception, that belongs to us.

9. That all these Laws of the Papists, that abandon and condemn us to this dreadful Destruction, are now in full Vigour, and absolutely unrepealed, and declared by a perpetual Decree to be irrevocable.

10. That the Spirit of Popery is a false, perfidious, bloody, merciless, implacable, unrelenting one; that extinguishes all Charity, that steels the Hearts of Men against all Sentiments of Compassion and Mercy, and destroys even Humanity itself; is absolutely inconsistent with the Rights and Safety of Government, and with the Liberties, Peace and Happiness of civil Society.

11. That Popery is a false, accursed, devilish Religion, destructive of the Law of Nature, and irreconcileable with all just Sentiments of the moral Perfections of God; directly contrary to the Spirit of Christianity, the Characteristick of which is *Charity*, and which inspires with *that Wisdom which is pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated*; which, by killing the Bodies of Men, and sending their Souls profestedly,

unfaithfully, and with deluded Purgeſ, to Hell and the Devil, defeats the great Intention of Chriſt's coming into the World, which was *not to deſtroy Mens Lives but to ſave them*, and redeem their Souls from the Wrath of God, and the Condemnation of the Life to come; and in which therefore it is impoſſible that any Man can be ſaved, who is poſſeſſed with that ſubtile, bloody, perſecuting Diſpoſition which it excites and encourages, and enters into thoſe perfidious, mercileſs, wicked, and unnatural Practices which it ſanctifies and recommends, for its own Propagation and Support.

12. That 'tis abſolutely impoſſible, that any Popiſh Prince can give Security to a Proteſtant People, that he will preſerve their Religion, Liberties or Lives; becauſe he is bound, under Penalty of Excommunication, being burnt as an Heretick, or perpetual Impriſonment, and even eternal Damnation itſelf, to abolish their Religion, to extirpate their Liberties, and utterly to deſtroy them without abſolute Reconciliation to the Church of *Rome*. And, finally,

13. That it muſt be the Height of Folly and Madneſs, and even an Inſultation of God for our manifold Sins, to permit the Pretender to his Majeſty's Crown ever to ſettle amongſt us, or reign over us; either by Conqueſt on his Part, or Invitation on ours; becauſe he can be bound by no Oaths or Promiſes, Declarations or Aſſurances, ever ſo ſtrong or repeated, that he may ſeem either willing to make himſelf, or we may ſeem from him; for he hath a Diſpenſation to break them, and is abſolutely obliged to it, and muſt keep no Faith with Hereticks. If God ſhould permit him to come amongſt us, he comes not only inflamed with Reſentment for his long Baniſhment, and Excluſion from theſe Kingdoms, but heated with the Sanguinary Diſpoſition of his Church, as an irreconcileable Enemy to our Religion and Laws, with an unalterable Reſolution to extirpate and deſtroy them, and bring us back again under the Yoak of *Rome*, or to ſwim and drench theſe Lands with our Blood, if we refuſe it.

If you bring him in, Fellow-Britons and Protestants, you open the Door to Swarms of *Italian, French,* and *Spanish* Locusts, Priests of every Tribe and Order; and with them to Affliction, Misery, Rapine, Gibbets, Stakes, Murthers, Fires, Death and Damnation; Methods of Conversion these, sanctified by the *Roman* Church, and every where practised to this Day, where her Authority and Power prevail. Consider, remember these Things, and by the Love of God, for the Sake of Jesus, by your Regard to your Persons, Estates, your Wives and Children, by your Concern for Liberty and the Church of *England*, by your Fidelity to your King, and your Compassion for your Country: In a word, by every thing that is valuable to you as Men, Christians, Protestants, Protestants and Britons, arise as one Man in Defence of your Prince, your Constitution, and your Church, and bravely hazard Life by defending them, rather than timely and basely sacrifice them by yielding to the Pretender, and introducing with him a Religion whose *tender Mercies are Cruelty*: The Consideration of which made *Luther* cry out, what every Man that knows any thing of Christianity must agree with him in: *If you had no other Reason to go out of the Roman Church, this alone would suffice, that you see and hear, how, contrary to the Laws of God, they shed innocent Blood. This single Circumstance shall, God willing, ever separate me from the Papacy. And if I was now obliged to it, and could blame nothing in any of their Doctrines; yet for this Crime of Cruelty only, I would fly from their Communion, as* from A Den of Thieves and Devils.

Sacred Hist. Lect. 44. p. 116.

The Method of Dragooning *the* French *Protestants, after* the Revocation *of the Edict of* Nantes, *under* Lewis XIV. *taken from a* French *Piece translated Anno* 1686.

THE Troopers, Soldiers, and Dragoons went into the Protestants Houses, where they marred and defaced their Houshold-Stuff, broke their Looking-glasses,

shelfes, and other Utensils and Ornaments, let their Wine run about their Cellars, and threw about their Corn and spoiled it. And as to those Things which they could not destroy in this Manner, such as Furniture of Beds, Hangings, Tapestry, Linnen, Wearing-Apparel, Plate, and Things of the like Nature, they carried them to the Market-Place, and sold them to the Jesuits, and other *Roman* Catholicks. By these Means the Protestants in *Montauban* alone were, in four or five Days, stripped of above a Million of Money. But this was not the worst.

They turned the Dining-Rooms of Gentlemen into Stables for their Horses, and used the Protestants, in Person, with the greatest Indignity and Cruelty. Sometimes the Soldiers took the Persons of the Houses where they quartered, and walked them up and down in a Room, tickling and tossing them like a Ball from one to another, without giving them the least Intermission, for three Days and Nights together, without Meat, Drink, or Sleep. And when they were wearied almost to death by these Means, they laid them on a Bed, continuing to tickle and torment them as before, and when they thought them somewhat recovered, made them rise, and walk about afresh, sometimes tickling, and other times lashing them with Rods to keep them from sleeping. And when one Party of their Tormentors were weary, they were relieved by another, who practised the same Violences, insomuch that many of the poor Protestants went distracted, and others became stupid and stupish, and remained so.

At *Negrepisse*, a Town near *Montauban*, they hung up *Isaac Pavin*, a Protestant Citizen of that Place, by his Arm-pits, and tormented him an whole Night by pinching and tearing off his Flesh with Pinchers. They made a great Fire round a Boy of about ten Years old, who, with Hands and Eyes lift up to Heaven, cried out, *My God, help me.* And when they saw the Lad resolved to die rather than renounce his Religion, they snatched him from the Fire, just as he was on the Point of being burnt.

In Several Places the Soldiers applied red-hot Irons to the Hands and Feet of Men, and the Breasts of Women. At Mayo they hung up Troubled Women and Children by their Feet, and others by their Arms, and then exposed them to publick View naked. They bound Maidens that gave Milk with Poles, and let their Sucking Infants lie languishing at their Sides, without having them to suckle for several Days, but hearing them crying, mourning, begging for Life, and dying for Thirst and Hunger. They took Children of four or five Years old, and when they had kept them so long, as that they were dying for Hunger, brought them to their Parents, and with terrible Imprecations and Oaths offered them, that except they would turn, they should see their Children die in their Prefence. Some they bound before a great Fire, and being half roasted let them go. Some, both Men and Women, they hoist in the small compass with Halters, and others they tormented Night and Day, dragging, beating and tolling them about without Intermission; which was the ordinary Method of Conversion practised by these military Apostles of the Romish Church. In the mean time they were prohibited from departing the Kingdom (a Cruelty never practised by *Nero* or *Diocletian*) upon Pain of Confiscation of Effects, the Galleys, the Lash, and perpetual Imprisonment; insomuch that the Prisons of the Sea-Port Towns were crammed with Men, Women, Boys, and Girls, who endeavoured to save themselves by Flight from their dreadful Perfecution. With these Scenes of Desolation and Horror, the Popish Clergy feasted their Eyes, and made only a Matter of Laughter and Sport of them. And though my Heart aches whilst I am relating these Barbarities, yet for a perpetual Memorial of the infernal Cruelty practised by these Monsters, I beg the Reader's Patience to lay before him two other Instances, which, if he hath an Heart like mine, he will not be able to read, without watering these Sheets with his Tears.

The first is of a young Woman, who being brought before the Council, upon refusing to abjure her Religion,

Nation, was ordered to Prison. There they shaved her Head, stripped off the Hair of her Privities, and having stripped her stark naked, led her through the Streets of the City, where many a Blow was given her, and Stones flung at her. Then they set her up to the Neck in a Tub full of Water, where after she had been for a while, they took her out, and put on her a Shift dipt in Wine, which as it dried, and stuck to her fine and beautiful Body, they furnished off again, and then had another ready dipt in Wine to clap on her. This they repeated for three, lastly making her Body cutting raw and sore. When all this Cruelties could not shake her Constancy, they fastened her by her Feet to a kind of Gibbet, and let her hang in that Posture with her Head downward till she expired.

The other is of a Man, in which House were quartered some of these Missionary Dragoons. One Day, having drank plentifully of Wine, and heated their Giddies at every Health, they filled the Floor of the Room where they were drinking with the Fragments, and by often walking over them, and treading on them, reduced them to smaller Pieces. On this, in the Imbecure of their Mirth, they resolved on a Dance, and told their Protestant Host, that he must be one of their Company, but withal, that he must dance quite barefoot, to move more nimbly. And thus barefoot, they forced him to dance upon the sharp Points of Glass. And when they had kept him thus dancing as long as he was able to stand, they laid him on a Bed, and after some time, that he might come to himself, stript him stark naked, and rolled his Body from one End of the Room to the other, till his Skin was stuck full of the Fragments of Glass.

Then they laid him on his Bed, and sent for a Chirurgeon to cut out the Pieces of Glass from his Body, which put him to the most exquisite and horrible Pains.

These, Fellow Protestants, were the Methods used by *the most Christian King's Apostolick Dragoons*, to convert his heretical Subjects to the *Roman* Catholick Faith!

Faith! Theſe, and many other of the like Nature, were the Torments to which *Lewis* XIV. delivered them over, to bring them to his own Church! And as Popery is unchangeably the ſame, theſe are the Tortures prepared for you, if ever that Religion ſhould be permitted to become ſettled amongſt you. And as the Attempt is now openly made to introduce it, awake, awake, arm yourſelves, *Britons*, in Defence of your Proteſtant King, his Family, your Religion, and your Liberties. Your Souls, your Bodies, your Eſtates, your Wives and Children, all demand your immediate Care. *Scotland* is almoſt ſubdued by Popiſh Rebels, *France* is meditating a ſtrong Invaſion on your Coaſts, and hath actually begun the Embarkation of her Troops. Popiſh Rods and Whips are preparing to ſcourge you. *The Hell-hounds of Rome* are juſt ready to ſeize and worry you: Seize the preſent Moment, before the dreadful Deſtruction overwhelms you, to prevent it. Let every Heart and Hand unite. The Ruin that threatens you is univerſal. The Toil you are called to is great but glorious. Better die in Defence of our Country, than ſit down ingloriouſly under the heavy Chains of Popiſh Tyranny. Strengthen yourſelves therefore, and be of good Courage, and behave valiantly for your People, for your King, and for the Cities of your God; and may he who is the great Diſpoſer of Victory, and holds the Fates of Nations in his Hand, crown you with Succeſs, and make you triumph over all your Enemies.

FINIS.

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